As per the information available, the consumption of petroleum products in the world during 1997 to 2000 is given below:

Period	Consumption of Petroleum Products (MMT)	% Growth
1997	3389.8	2.2
1998	3406.6	0.5
1999	3462.4	1.6

The domestic refining capacity has increased from 65.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to 112.54 million metric tonnes per annum during the period 01.04.1999 to 31.12.2000. Consequently, country has achieved near self-sufficiency in refining and now value addition is taking place in the country. India is, thus, a major player in the global petroleum scene.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Free/Concessional travel allowed to AI and IA Staff

2549. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of the Indian Airlines and Air India as regards free and concessional travels allowed to the staff and their families;

(b) what is the policy of giving free and concessional travels allowed to retired staff and their families;

(c) how much these concessions cost the Indian Airlines and Air India; and

(d) whether it is a fact that self-supporting and major sons and daughters are also allowed free/concessional travels?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The policy of providing free and concessional travel allowed on Air India and Indian Airlines to staff and their families as well as to the retired staff and their families are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The passages granted for travel on routes of Air India/Indian Airlines are subject to load *i.e.* on space being available in the aircraft after all paying traffic is accommodation at the station of emplanement or at intermediate stations. As such there is no revenue loss at any time due to staff travel.

(d) Yes, Sir. However in Air India, in the case of unlimited quota passages *i.e.* after completion of 25 years of services, the passages from this quota cannot be transferred to sons who are above 21 years of age and married daughters.

Statement

Policy of providing free and concessional travel on Air India/Indian Airlines to working as well as retired staff and their families.

AIR INDIA

Scale of Air Passage Concessions for Working Staff

After Completion of Service of	Passages (International) Concession in value(%)				Passages (Domestic within India) Concession in value (%)				
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
1 Year	100	60	10	Nil	100	85	85	85	Nil
2 Years	100	80	30	10	100	80	85	85	85
3 Years	100	100	50	30	100	100	85	85	85
4 Years	100	100	70	50	100	100	85	85	85
5 Years	100	100	90	70	100	100	95	85	85
6 Years onwards	100	100	90	90	100	100	95	95	85

Scale of Air Passage Concessions for retired staff				**Scale of Air Passage for spouse of deceased employees**			
20 yrs. service	100	90	90	Nil	20 yrs. 100	90	NIL
25 yrs.	100	100	90	90	25 yrs. 100	90	90

For children, sons below 21 yrs & unmarried daughters only can avail of domestic unlimited passages	95% Domestic unlimited passages	For Children, sons below 21 yrs. and unmarried daughters only can avail of this facility.

INDIAN AIRLINES

The policy of the Indian Airlines regarding free and concessional travel allowed to staff and their families is as under:

On Completion of	Free	Concessional	
		95%	85%
A. For staff upto Grade 16 A (upto to the level of Chief Managers) on subject to load basis			
Below 5 years of services	2	—	3
5 years of service	2	1	2
7 years of service	2	2	1
10 years of service	2	3	—
20 years of service	2	4	—
25 years of service	2	5	—
B. For Directors/GMs and Dy. GMs (irrespective of length of service)	2	5	—
C. For Chairman/MD—Unlimited on Firm basis (for self and family).			

The policy of providing free and concessional travel to the retired staff and their families is as under:—

Utpo Grade 16 A (subject to load basis)	Free	Concessional	
		95%	85%
Retired on completion of 15 years of service	1	2	—
After 20 years of service	1	3	—
After 25 years of service	2	4	—

Dy. GMs/GMs/Directors (irrespective of length of service and subject to load basis and Dy. MDs and above (on firm basis).

Delay in flights

†2550. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.